

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1633  
PATENT**

Attorney Docket No. 9707.0009-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Hideyuki Okano et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1633
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Application No.: 10/571,277	)	Examiner: Maria G. Leavitt
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Filed: March 9, 2006	)	
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For: METHODS FOR ENHANCING	)	Confirmation No.: 6053
SURVIVAL AND/OR PROLIFERATION	)	
OF NEURAL STEM CELLS AND	)	
NEURITE EXTENSION, ENHANCERS	)	
THEREFOR, PHARMACEUTICAL	)	
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING	)	
NEURAL STEM CELLS, ASSAY	)	
METHODS, AND SCREENING	)	
METHODS	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Applicants reply to the Final Office Action mailed January 13, 2009 ("Office Action"), the period for response having been extended to July 13, 2009, by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.